

SUBPART A - ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES AFFECTING UTILITIES

TN503.02(d)

TN503.02 General considerations.

(a) It is the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) policy in Tennessee to take the necessary steps to protect public and private utilities, equipment operators, and other personnel during investigation or construction activities involving NRCS. It will be the responsibility of the NRCS employee mentioned in TN503.02(d) to carry out all the procedures and action items mentioned in paragraphs NEM 503.02 through 503.06. The responsible NRCS employee is to utilize others, as needed, for assistance in locating, identifying and ensuring that the proper officials of the utility companies involved are notified.

(b) Location of utilities will be determined by a thorough field review; discussions with the landowner, operator, or sponsoring organization; and/or contact with the utility companies.

(c) Known utilities shall be shown on the construction plans. The following note is to be placed on all engineering plans or drawings where utilities are involved.

<p>IMPORTANT: Utility owners must be notified of the date and time construction is scheduled to approach the utility (pipelines, telephone lines, electric lines, etc.). Construction shall not commence until all utility companies have been notified and have their utilities located on the ground.</p>
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This note will serve as a reminder to the responsible NRCS employee to advise the owner or contractor of his/her responsibility.

(d) The District Conservationist is the responsible NRCS employee for carrying out this policy for all non-formal contract jobs installed with NRCS assistance within his/her field office. The State Project Engineer is the responsible NRCS employee for implementing this policy for formal contracts between NRCS and/or local sponsors and a contractor.

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